

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a saponin.

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the saponin is digitonin or tomatine.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a polyene.

12. (Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the polyene is selected from the group consisting of nystatin, filipin, pimacyllin, pentamycin, trichomycin, fungichromin, perimycin, amphotericin, etoluscomycin, primycin, and candigin.

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a peptide.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a lectin.